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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/07

SPONSOR Rodella LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1239

SHORT TITLE VILLAGE OF CUBA AMBULANCE SERVICES SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1239 appropriates \$100.0 for ambulance service for the Village of Cuba.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that Presbyterian Medical Services operates ambulance services for the residents of the Village of Cuba. Recently, EMS funding to the Village was cut substantially by the State. In the past, the Village was receiving \$52.0 and now receives \$29.0. Presbyterian makes 700-800 calls and 350-400 runs a year. The nearest hospital is between 70 to 120 miles away. Presbyterian Medical Services has been losing about \$100,000 annually to run this ambulance service for the Village of Cuba.

DOH notes that the Village of Cuba has a total population of 590 people. Residences are dispersed over a large area and personal transportation is limited. Ambulance service is a critical safety net for both area residents and tourists. The ambulance service serving the Village of Cuba is certified by the Public Regulation Commission as an Intermediate Life Support ambulance service. It has a physician medical director, EMS service director and a training coordinator. Its service area for all medical and traumatic health emergencies is the Village of Cuba and all of western Sandoval County.

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